

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 GENEVA 08225 301218Z

ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-08 INR-10 LAB-04

NSAE-00 SIL-01 OIC-02 AF-10 ARA-10 EA-10 EUR-12

NEA-11 SS-15 NSC-05 SP-02 L-03 /118 W

-----012319 301223Z /50

R 301210Z MAY 78

FM USMISSION GENEVA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0203

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE GENEVA 08225

E.O.11652:N/A

TAGS: ILO, PLAB

SUBJECT: ILO: DIRECTOR GENERAL EXPRESSES VIEWS ON  
STRUCTURE

REF: (A) GENEVA 8131 (B) GENEVA 8045

1. MISSION LABATT AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OFFICIAL QUACKENBUSH WERE CALLED TO DG BLANCHARD'S OFFICE AFTER-NOON MAY 26. HE SAID HE WANTED TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS ON STRUCTURE TAKING PLACE IN THE GOVERNMENT GROUP. HE REFERRED IN PASSING TO THE IMEC MEETING (REF A). BLANCHARD SOUGHT TO ALLAY U.S. FEARS THAT THE AGREEMENT STATED ABOUT THE EUROPEAN ELECTORAL SYSTEM IN PARA 3 OF THE DRAFT PAPER (REF B) MIGHT CONSTITUTE A PRECEDENT FOR THE INTRODUCTION INTO THE ILO SYSTEM OF IDEOLOGICAL CRITERIA.

2. BLANCHARD SAID THAT DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION, HE TOLD THE SOVIETS THEY WOULD HAVE TO SETTLE FOR FOUR REGIONS, BUT THAT THEIR SEAT ON THE GOVERNING BODY WOULD BE PROTECTED BY ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT IN EASTERN EUROPE. HE SAID THAT HE IS CONVINCED THAT WHILE SOVIET REPS WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH THE "SOCIALIST"

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 GENEVA 08225 301218Z

CONCEPT AND LINE IN ILO ACTIVITIES, THEY ACCEPT THE PHRASE IN THE DRAFT PAPER--"SOCIALIST STATES OF EASTERN EUROPE" -- AS A PURELY DEFINITIVE REGIONAL CONCEPT FOR ELECTORAL PURPOSES.

3. BLANCHARD SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THIS GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT, IF FINALLY IMPLEMENTED, WOULD NOT INFRINGE

UPON THE AUTONOMY OF THE EMPLOYER AND WORKER GROUPS. HE SAID THAT HE HAS PUT IT TO THE SOVIETS QUITE BLUNTLY TO ACCEPT THE REALITY OF GROUP AUTONOMY. HE BELIEVES THEY HAVE BECOME MORE AGREEABLE TO THIS CONCEPT. BLANCHARD NOTED THAT SOVIET REP BORCHTCHEVSKI HAS BECOME LESS HARD-LINE SINCE THE PREVIOUS SESSION OF THE GOVERNMENT WORKING PARTY - CITING AGAIN THE SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOUR REGIONS AS PROOF.

4. THE DG OPINED THAT OUR VIEWS ABOUT AN UNWIELDY GOVERNING BODY IF ENLARGED ARE TOO EXCESSIVE. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD PREFER EVEN AN UNWORKABLE GOVERNING BODY TO AN INCREASINGLY POWERFUL CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE A LARGER GOVERNING BODY WOULD BE LESS EFFICIENT.

5. FINALLY, THE DG SAID THAT HIS PRIORITIES ARE IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: (1) APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS; (2) ARTICLE 17 REFORM; (3) DUE PROCESS AS REPRESENTED BY THE VALTICOS REPORT ON ISRAEL; AND (4) STRUCTURE. ON THE LATTER, HE AGAIN STRESSED THAT SOME ADJUSTMENT HAD TO BE MADE, AND THE CURRENT DRAFT PAPER IS THE "LEAST BAD ARRANGEMENT THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED". HE WONDERED WHY ANYONE (U.S.) WOULD WANT TO INTERFERE WITH NEGOTIATIONS (PER REFTEL). VANDEN HEUVEL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** NEGOTIATIONS, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES (UN)  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 30 may 1978  
**Decapton Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decapton Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978GENEVA08225  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780225-1057  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** GENEVA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t1978059/aaaaagwq.tel  
**Line Count:** 86  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** b4cccb3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION IO  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 GENEVA 8131, 78 GENEVA 8045  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2780610  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** ILO: DIRECTOR GENERAL EXPRESSES VIEWS ON STRUCTURE  
**TAGS:** ELAB, US, ILO  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvgwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/b4cccb3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014